

**To:** Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]  
**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Tue 9/22/2015 6:22:27 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

See the email I just sent you.

**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 12:19 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz  
**Cc:** StClair, Christie; Braun, Richard; McGrath, Shaun; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

I changed the first sentence to the suggested language from contracting. See version below.

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 22, 2015, at 12:08 PM, Purchia, Liz <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

Adding Nichole. Is there any update on timing? When might we see a revised release?

**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:44 AM  
**To:** Braun, Richard  
**Cc:** McGrath, Shaun; Purchia, Liz; Ostrander, David; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

Mathy also requested yesterday that we notify the state and other stakeholders before issuing.

**Christie St. Clair**

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 9:28 AM, "Braun, Richard" <[Braun.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:Braun.Richard@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Shaun & David,

-I just received the consent to subcontract package from vendor and am reviewing. Should take no more than 2 hours to review.

-The Purchase Request needed to fund the subcontract has not yet been approved. PR-R8-15-00465. Once received, should take no more than 2 hours to process.

-As a courtesy to vendors, I would like to verify that prime contractor has already notified the subcontractor prior to our press release.

I would suggest late today or tomorrow for press release. David, do you agree?

Richard Braun

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**From:** McGrath, Shaun

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:16 AM

**To:** StClair, Christie  
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Braun, Richard; Ostrander, David; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

David,

Where are we at with sub contract?

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 7:02 AM, StClair, Christie <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Shaun, should we plan for this release to go tomorrow?

**Christie St. Clair**

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On Sep 21, 2015, at 1:22 PM, "Purchia, Liz" <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks. Adding Christie who will be point working with the EOC. Please keep her looped.

**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 1:11 PM  
**To:** Purchia, Liz  
**Cc:** Braun, Richard; Ostrander, David; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: Winter Discharge Treatment

We are revising the statement with the comments we've received. It looks like now we won't be able to release this until Tues or Wednesday while we finalize the authorization of this work.

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On Sep 21, 2015, at 10:33 AM, Purchia, Liz <[Purchia.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Purchia.Liz@epa.gov)> wrote:

Is the region updating the release to go out today?

**From:** Braun, Richard

**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2015 9:45 AM

**To:** Ostrander, David; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; McGrath, Shaun

**Cc:** Mills, Bethany; Purchia, Liz; Reynolds, Thomas

**Subject:** RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

All,

Since it is a subcontract that is being awarded by the prime contractor, for accuracy's sake, I suggest the first line of announcement read as follows:

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Richard Braun

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**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Braun, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: Winter Discharge Treatment

Once I get approval from HQ, I need to know what the process is for awarding the subcontract and how/what we can announce. Can one of you call me or if needed we could have a conference call.

303-312-6827

Thanks

**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 8:26 AM  
**To:** McGrath, Shaun; Reynolds, Thomas; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy; Natarajan, Nitin; Cheatham, Reggie; Card, Joan; Ostrander, David; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Subject:** RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

Do you anticipate us announcing this today?

Are we announcing who we awarded the contract to?

Do we have a date for when we anticipate the temporary treatment system to be in place? Or how long the transition will take?

**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Friday, September 18, 2015 10:02 AM

**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Harrison, Melissa  
**Cc:** Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy; Natarajan, Nitin; Cheatham, Reggie; Card, Joan; Ostrander, David; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Jenkins, Laura Flynn  
**Subject:** Winter Discharge Treatment

All,

We are working on announcing a decision on temporary treatment of the mine discharges through the winter. The decision hasn't been finalized, but the recommendation is for a package treatment plant. The vendor has already been selected (from among 6 bids we received) by a panel of tech experts. Given the need to move quickly to stay ahead of winter conditions in getting the treatment plant on site and operational, we hope to finalize the decision today.

Below is draft press release in anticipation of approval of this approach. Please provide comments/edits.

Shaun

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